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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations

SUBJECT : Comments on Recent Missions and
Eastman Production

1. An examination of the Current Mission Status Report (CMSR) #15 for 1 October 1957 prompts me to send this memorandum. I note that the eleven missions listed there were accomplished in the period from 5 August to 16 September, a matter of about five weeks. I note further that the time of arrival of the earliest of these at Eastman was 27 August and that the last date listed on the CMSR for Eastman materials delivered is 27 September, a period of exactly one month.

2. These dates and the products delivered by the Project and turned out by Eastman prompt two comments:

a. The speed with which these materials were made available to the factory is remarkable, and

b. The speed with which Eastman has turned out the prodigious quantities of material of exceptionally high quality is astonishing.

3. In this same vein, let me note the fact that these eleven missions have been handled from the point of view of the Headquarters, as I see it, with the maximum efficiency and with the absence of complaint from consumers. This, I believe, is a testimony principally to the very capable work of your Liaison Officer, [] and the careful and orderly arrangements which he has established with HTA and myself, the latter on behalf of the consumers.

4. The present warm glow which pervades the relationships between the consumers and Operations, it must be admitted, is the result not only of the foregoing but also of the fact that the missions of August and September

were a direct response to highest priority requirements of the community. The products have provided hard facts in areas long noted for the absence of hard facts. These missions have produced a storehouse which will require a long time to be thoroughly digested. The availability of these hard facts has had, and I predict will have, tremendous effect upon the intelligence research community in directing their full energies usefully where before, lacking sufficient hard facts, researchers had time and disposition to create bureaucratic disputes and problems from which little good could come.

5. The sum of the foregoing is that, it appears from where I sit, you and your colleagues have made a contribution of major proportions in facilitating the intelligence jurisdictions working together purposefully and to the acquisition of data which in the longer run will quite probably have very important effects upon the validity of our National Intelligence estimates.



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